

What is claimed is:

1. A low-staining orange food coloring composition comprising a combination of a yellow dye selected from the group consisting of FD&C Yellow #5, quinoline yellow and combinations thereof, and a red dye selected from the group consisting of carmoisine, Ponceau 4R, FD&C Red #40, amaranth and combinations thereof, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of from about 4:1 yellow:red to about 2:1 yellow:red.

2. The low-staining orange food coloring composition according to claim 1, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of about 3:1 yellow:red.

3. A low-staining orange food coloring composition consisting essentially of a combination of a yellow dye selected from the group consisting of FD&C Yellow #5, quinoline yellow and combinations thereof and a red dye selected from the group consisting of carmoisine, Ponceau 4R, FD&C Red #40, amaranth and combinations thereof, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of from about 4:1 yellow:red to about 2:1 yellow:red.

4. The low-staining orange food coloring composition according to claim 3, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of about 3:1 yellow:red.

5. A low-staining orange food coloring composition consisting of a combination of a yellow dye selected

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from the group consisting of FD&C Yellow #5, quinoline yellow and combinations thereof and a red dye selected from the group consisting of carmoisine, Ponceau 4R, FD&C Red #40, amaranth and combinations thereof, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of from about 4:1 yellow:red to about 2:1 yellow:red.

6. The low-staining orange food coloring composition according to claim 5, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of about 3:1 yellow:red.

7. A process for producing a low-staining orange food coloring composition which comprises combining a yellow dye selected from the group consisting of FD&C Yellow #5, quinoline yellow and combinations thereof and a red dye selected from the group consisting of carmoisine, Ponceau 4R, FD&C Red #40, amaranth and combinations thereof, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are combined in a ratio of from about 4:1 yellow:red to about 2:1 yellow:red.

8. The process for producing a low-staining orange food coloring composition according to claim 7, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are combined in a ratio of about 3:1 yellow:red.

9. An orange colored beverage composition comprising as the sole source of color a combination of a yellow dye selected from the group consisting of FD&C Yellow #5, quinoline yellow and combinations thereof and a red dye selected from the group consisting of carmoisine,

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Ponceau 4R, FD&C Red #40, amaranth and combinations thereof, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of from about 4:1 yellow:red to about 2:1 yellow:red.

10. The orange colored beverage composition according to claim 9, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of about 3:1 yellow:red.

11. The orange colored beverage composition according to claim 9, wherein the combination of the yellow dye and the red dye are present in the orange colored beverage composition in an amount of from about 7 ppm to about 40 ppm.

12. The orange colored beverage composition according to claim 9, wherein the combination of the yellow dye and the red dye are present in the orange colored beverage composition in an amount of from about 10 ppm to about 30 ppm.

13. The orange colored beverage composition according to claim 12, wherein the combination of the yellow dye and the red dye are present in the orange colored beverage composition in an amount of about 27 ppm.

14. A process of producing a low-staining orange colored beverage composition which comprises adding to a beverage a combination of a yellow dye selected from the group consisting of FD&C Yellow #5, quinoline yellow and combinations thereof and a red dye selected from the group consisting of carmoisine, Ponceau 4R,

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FD&C Red #40, amaranth and combinations thereof, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of from about 4:1 yellow:red to about 2:1 yellow:red.

15. A process of producing a low-staining orange colored beverage composition according to claim 14, wherein the yellow dye and the red dye are present in a ratio of about 3:1 yellow:red.

16. A process of producing a low-staining orange colored beverage composition according to claim 14, wherein the combination of the yellow dye and the red dye are present in the orange colored beverage composition in an amount of from about 7 ppm to about 40 ppm.

17. A process of producing a low-staining orange colored beverage composition according to claim 16, wherein the combination of the yellow dye and the red dye are present in the orange colored beverage composition in an amount of from about 10 ppm to about 30 ppm.

18. A process of producing a low-staining orange colored beverage composition according to claim 17, wherein the combination of the yellow dye and the red dye are present in the orange colored beverage composition in an amount of about 27 ppm.

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